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Grim Hungjiao Battle

Shanghai, May 18.—Nationalist and Communist forces were locked in a grim, all-out battle this morning for Hungjiao airfield on the western outskirts of Shanghai after a furious artillery duel which kept the 6,000,000 residents of the city awake and on tenterhooks throughout the night.

Chinese Air Force planes roared over the city throughout the night as they shuffled between their bases on the northern outskirts and combat zone in support of Nationalist ground forces.

Many foreigners living near the threatened areas began moving into the centre of the city this morning.

It was announced today that the headquarters in Geneva of the International Red Cross has sent a communication to both parties in the present warfare saying that humanitarian motives it is prepared within the limited scope of its activities to assist in any form of relief operations which would benefit the civilian population.

"It is taken for granted that the opposing parties agree to respect the Red Cross emblem and would afford protection and support to delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross," the Geneva Communication said.—Reuter.

Portuguese Evacuees Here

Portuguese nationals evacuated by air from Shanghai under Portuguese Government auspices arrived in Hongkong this morning.

The party numbers 129 and consists of women and children, and aged and sick. They spent last night in Canton, and took off for Hongkong early today.

The evacuees are sailing for Macao by the Kwangtung this afternoon. The Macao Government has made arrangements for their reception and accommodation.

NATIONALIST AIR FORCE STRIKES HARD

Saves Strongpoint Near Woosung

REDS' MARCH TO THE SOUTH UNOPPOSED

Shanghai, May 17.—A Nationalist Air Force communique today claimed that Nationalist bombers sank 50 Communist boats in the White Dragon harbour, southeast of Chuangsha, in a raid on Monday night. The Air Force also reported that 1,000 Communists were killed in the raid on forces attacking Liuhang, Nationalist strongpoint west of the Woosung forts. The air attack was reported to have saved Liuhang from capture. Five hundred Reds were reported to have been killed by government bombers attacking west of Chinlu, where the Communists were within four miles of the Shanghai city limits.

Central News also reported that the Communist forces north of Hungjiao airfield, four miles from the city's southwestern limits, have been beaten off in bitter fighting and were regrouping.

On other Chinese fronts, the Communist radio claimed that the Red troops completed the occupation of Hankow, Hanyang and Wuchang—cities about 400 miles west of Shanghai. Local military leaders admitted that the Communists have not yet thrown all their available reserves into the Shanghai attack.

Chang Tai-chang, spokesman for the Shanghai Garrison, estimated that the Reds have six armies massed for a possible battle here. So far, only part of the total force has been brought into action, Chang said. The spokesman declared that a long, hard battle lay ahead of the Communists if they attempt to take Shanghai by storm. He said the city's defences are "33 percent

stronger than those of Stalin-land." General Chou Ni-shing, deputy Garrison Commander, also claimed that Shanghai's defences were "impregnable" and that the city had enough supplies which would make long-term resistance possible. Chang and Chou were the latest of a group of local military leaders to promise last-ditch defence of Shanghai, but most of the city's residents con-

tinued to doubt that there would be any heavy fighting in the overcrowded central districts.—United Press.

ATTACKS RENEWED

Shanghai, May 18.—Communist forces after their initial setback renewed their attacks against the Yuchu-Liuhang-Yanchang line—shielding Woosung yesterday but half of the attackers were "wiped out" under co-ordinated air, ground and navy pounding, a Nationalist Air Force report claimed this morning.

Air Force planes were also active throughout yesterday over combat zones in Pootung where a string of fires were still burning this morning.

During yesterday's extensive operations, the report said, five planes were hit by Communist anti-aircraft fire but all managed to safely return to their base with their crews.

In an eight-point statement issued yesterday afternoon, the Mayor, General Chen Liang, declared that the City protect the lives and property of foreign nationals in the Shanghai municipal area in accordance with international law and practices during the present emergency.

The Mayor emphasised that despite the fact that Shanghai is in the grip of war the City Government will give adequate protection to foreigners and hoped that all foreign residents here will observe the principle that the whole world is like one family and sincerely co-operate with the City authorities in tide over the present crisis.

Military observers in Canton declared there was little but "mountains and space" between that South China city and a column which has slashed 300 miles South of the Yangtze.

The Nationalist front did the Nationalists appear to be putting up a battle. And even the garrison admitted the Reds were making "encircling moves" that put the city in imminent peril.

SOUTHWARD MARCH

New York, May 17.—Unchecked Communist armies all day encircled Shanghai on Tuesday, swept to within 30 miles of the southeast port of Foochow and were reported only 225 miles from Canton, the refugee Nationalist capital.

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Crowds in Berlin give a noisy sendoff to the first motor car to move westward over the autobahn through Soviet-controlled territory from Berlin to the British zone following the lifting of the blockade. A woman, second from left, wears an evening gown and a man at right holds a large bouquet of flowers.—AP Picture.

Future Is Hopeless Say Shanghai Foreigners

Shanghai, May 17.—Many local observers looking north to Tientsin and Peiping are convinced that the Reds will impose their rule firmly and unflinchingly on Shanghai.

Generally, the foreigner in Shanghai is viewing the days ahead with hopelessness.

Those that are here are now resigned to months of inactivity, privations and, perhaps, suffering and mental anguish.

Pessimism started rolling down the hill of British and American hopes for the occupation of Tientsin and Peiping and became an avalanche when the Communists shelled British warships on the Yangtze.

NEW REALISATION

The cumulative effect of the developments has been to wipe out whatever hopes there were previously that the Communists might somehow or other make approaches to the British and Americans.

Trading communities in Shanghai are beginning to realise that very probably the Reds will do nothing to facilitate their business until their Governments have recognised the Communist regime.

As regards the Chinese masses they are mostly resigned to whatever happens, especially the poorer classes whose attitude is that their lot cannot be any worse.

After years of bare existence they will probably string along with the minimum—two full meals daily.—Reuter.

NATIONALISING THE "PUBS"

London, May 17.—A Bill to put all the inns and "pubs" of new towns in Britain under State management—described by the Opposition as a first step towards the nationalisation of the brewery trade—was passed by the House of Commons tonight.

An Opposition amendment to reject the Bill, which was supported by Mr. Winston Churchill and other Conservative leaders, was defeated by 305 votes to 187.—Reuter.

Soviets Given An Election Shock Germans' Solid 'No' Vote Against Communism

Berlin, May 17.—The most solid "no" ever registered against Communism in a Russian-dominated land was voiced today when more than four million Germans within the Soviet orbit voted against Communist picked candidates.

The vote exploded any Russian dream of carrying into the Big Four meetings next week any impressive semblance of German support for their policies.

The election was to choose 2,000 candidates to a "people's" congress which would in turn elect a government for Eastern Germany.

All candidates were carefully screened by the Communists and pardons were handed out to former Nazis in order to bring about a giant vote for these candidates.

Russian calculations went awry. In spite of pardons, propaganda, 7,043,849 of the 13,513,071—about 52 percent—eligible voters voted returned the "yes" and 4,080,272 voted "no."

DEFIANCE

This meant that 33.9 percent defied the Communists while 66.1 percent voted for the Communist picked candidates. And the 66.1 percent "yes" votes included more than 800,000 invalid votes. Figures were released by the Soviet Zone Elections Bureau.

The results, the Russian Army mouth-piece Tagliche Rundschau (Daily Review) called editorially today against "double crossings" and "victims of lying propaganda."

Western Germans building their own Government at Bonn were elated. They proclaimed that the defeat for Communism probably was even worse than that officially reported.

Procedures for the first free elections since Hitler were approved tentatively today by British, French and American officials. Popular voting is expected to follow state ratification expected in July.

Completion of the count later showed that the Russian sector of Berlin was even more lukewarm towards the Communists than other areas of the zone.

On a 91.3 percent vote, 440,002 or 55.1 percent voted "yes" and 322,222 or 41.1 percent voted against.—Associated Press.

BULGARIAN RESULTS

Sofia, May 17.—The voting in Bulgaria's municipal elections on Sunday gave the Fatherland Front's list of Communists, agrarians and independents 4,028,000 votes out of 4,784,000 votes cast—a 97 percent victory.—It was announced today.—Reuter.

First Car To End Blockade

Destructive Flood 3 People Drowned 4,000 Homeless

Fort Worth, Texas, May 17.—At least three persons were drowned and 4,000 fled their homes here today as the rampaging Trinity River battered down four of its levees and overran a fifth in the wake of a 10-inch overnight rain.

Police said the death toll probably would be higher. Twelve people were missing and "presumed drowned," the police said. Only three bodies have been recovered—those of a negro woman, a white woman and a boy about 16 years old. None of them was identified.

It was the first major flood in Fort Worth since April, 1922.

The muddy river knocked out the main city water station raising serious health and fire hazards. To help conserve the dwindling water supply, hospitals cancelled all but major surgical operations. Schools were closed because many streets were impassable.

The first estimates of damage ranged up to \$2,000,000. One thousand or more homes were flooded in various sections.

The Weather Bureau's flood gauge on the Trinity here was washed away but it forecast serious flood conditions on the normally placid stream. There appeared to be no prospect of crisis in Dallas but the unprotected low-lying areas were faced with inundation.

Elsewhere in the southwest, a new tornado swept across the sparsely settled Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, killing one person and injuring two others.—United Press.

Middlesex Leaving For H.K. June 15

The Telegraph learns that the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment is sailing in the troopship Dunera from Southampton for Hongkong on June 15.

The commanding officer is Lt. Col. Mervyn Crawford, DSO, who was with the battalion in Shanghai in 1927 and in Hongkong in 1938.

Major T. W. Chatley, remembered as a prominent jockey, is also with the battalion soon to come to Hongkong, while Drum-Major Holdford is still with the band.

The troops are not bringing their families. An advance party of the Middlesex Regiment is now en route to Hongkong with the Leicestershire and is due to arrive on June 15. In charge of the party is Major C. K. Sadler, TD.

No Trace Of Missing Crew

St. John's, Newfoundland, May 17.—Coast-guard at Argenteau, Newfoundland, reported this afternoon that searching planes had so far found no trace of the crew of the Danish motor schooner Edda, which sank in a gale last night south of Cape Farewell, Greenland.

Exhaustive searches by planes this morning failed to locate the crew, the coast-guard said. The search was continuing.

United States Flying Fortresses from Keflavik, Greenland, and Labrador, searched during the night.—Reuter.

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Sydney Has Free Service To Help Visitors Find Accommodation

By Susan Barrio

In common with most cities in the world today accommodation is very hard to find in Australian cities, particularly Sydney. The New South Wales Government, however, has smoothed the path for visitors by setting up a Hotel Accommodation Bureau. Run by an efficient young woman, the Bureau arranges temporary accommodation for visitors—without charge.

ONE day recently a Dutchman, his wife and their seven children arrived in Sydney from Malaya. Having left for Australia without arranging accommodation, they had no idea where they would spend the night when they stopped ashore.

Within an hour or two, they learnt the facts about Sydney's accommodation difficulties. (Due largely to wartime restrictions on civil building and the priority given home building after the war.)

Then a customs official told them about the Government Hotel Accommodation Bureau at the N.S.W. Licensing Magistrate's office, near the wharves. They called there and explained their plight.

The officer-in-charge, Miss Bessie Waring, listened sympathetically, made some telephone calls. Within half an hour the family was booked in at a comfortable hotel.

This was all in the day's work to Bessie Waring. It was just one of hundreds of applications she handles each week. Travelers from all over the world, from Indian merchants to visiting British scientists and Continental businessmen, go to her office.

How It Started

The bureau opened at the end of 1945. At that time, Australian servicemen were returning home from war service, and their families from other States went to Sydney, Australia's main port, to meet them.

Often they found it almost impossible to get accommodation, and the New South Wales Minister for Justice decided that his Government should start a free service to provide temporary hotel accommodation for visitors.

The N.S.W. Licensing Magistrate's Office controls the bureau, Miss Waring, who took charge shortly after it opened, runs it smoothly and efficiently.

A tall, attractive blonde, in her late twenties, with a friendly personality, she has a genuine interest in her job. "It's absorbing work," she says. "I like people and enjoy meeting the various types who come in with their problems."

Sometimes, of course, she strikes difficulties. Many of the people who go to her have tramped all over the city looking for somewhere to stay. They are tired and discouraged when they arrive at the bureau. From time to time, Miss Waring has to soothe hysterical children, console weeping children, or try to understand the requirements of some new arrival who cannot speak English. She takes all this in her stride, and by fact and courtesy generally succeeds in arranging accommodation.

Proof Of Success

Proof of her success is the fact that out of 5,614 applications in one year, she found accommodation for 5,012. She stresses the fact that she makes only temporary bookings, sometimes for a few days, sometimes for as long as several months, but she cannot arrange permanent accommodation.

Most people are grateful for her help, and the service is free. Some go back to thank her and tell her that their hotel is satisfactory. Others write. One of her valued possessions is a file containing appreciative letters from people in many different countries. A typical letter is one from an Indian businessman, who wrote: "I recollect with pleasure my last visit to Sydney, and the valuable help I received from you during my stay."

One Important Factor

Miss Waring believes that personal contact is the most important factor in her work. She often has telephone applications, but whenever possible she interviews people personally.

"I have to keep faith with the hotel proprietors, too, you see," she explains. "They trust me to select the right type of guests for them. By talking with people for a while, I can generally get a good idea of their character."

For the first six months she was in the job, Miss Waring went out regularly with a police sergeant inspecting every hotel, from luxury metropolitan ones to the small, quiet hotels in the outer suburbs. This knowledge enables her, to

select accommodation to suit the taste and pockets of her different applicants.

Travel organisations, scientific and educational bodies throughout the British Commonwealth know of the bureau and write to Miss Waring for help when they send groups of people to Sydney.

For instance, she arranged accommodation for visiting members of the Commonwealth Advisory Aeronautical Research Council and for a party of young people from the Youth Travel Association of New Zealand.

A Friend In Need

When big overseas ships come in, the bureau is kept particularly busy, and Miss Waring often has more than 100 applicants in one day. They may be tourists, business men or new settlers who have paid their own fares (migrants under the Government schemes have accommodation arranged for them before they sail).

"They generally don't know anyone in Sydney," she says. "They need the bureau's help—and that's the reason it's here."

Miss Waring greets them all with her customary courtesy and understanding. Nothing is too much trouble to try to make them comfortable.

HOW TO USE STARCH CORRECTLY

By ELEANOR ROSS

THAT freshly-starched look assumes new importance in the world of fashion, with the emphasis on beautiful cottons and fine linen suits and dresses. A crisp gleam, a sparkling white blouse or neckwear and cuffs to dress up that simple dark dress, all these are very much in and of the mode, and a boon to budgeteers. All of which means that the gal who has a knowing hand at starch finds it easy to assume that crisp, neat look.

Here are some hints that may help you to become an expert in caring for your cottons now that the season for tubable clothes and accessories is fast approaching.

Tepid Water

Use cold or tepid water, never hot water, for starching. Use a large pan for starching when dipping clothes. Dip and squeeze damp (not wet) garments until fully saturated. Always dip articles in order of stiffness desired. Working out each piece over the pan to save as much starch as possible for remaining pieces.

The cold starching method is employed for items such as jabots and blouses fashioned of very sheer materials. Good too for small pieces such as collars and cuffs. Cold water starch permeates the fabric satisfactorily and saves time. If a stiffer finish is desired, increase proportion of powder to water. Decrease proportion when a lighter finish is desired.

Roll In Cloth

Articles should be dipped and worked thoroughly, squeezed lightly and then rolled in a clean, dry cloth to stand for 20 to 30 minutes. They should then be ironed while still wet with a hot iron. If you haven't been using starch for some time, or if this is your first attempt at starching, or if you are an old hand at the game, look into some of the new products now on the market. These include a good liquid laundry starch that requires no cooking, no boiling. With bluing and ironing aids built-in, it needs only to be combined with water, an excellent idea for busy housewives.



PLASTIC APRON—Screen actress Meg Randall, in a two-piece bathing suit, models a plastic apron in Hollywood.

Star Tells Why Marriages Fail

By PATRICIA CLARY

AFTER 25 years of a happy Hollywood marriage, Charles Greenwood says the secret is similar interests but different careers.

"More marriages in Hollywood have been wrecked by the fact that the wife outstripped the husband, or the husband outstripped the wife, than by anything else," the veteran actress said.

"Nine times out of 10, the fundamental cause of a Hollywood divorce is the envy or shame felt by the one who's been left behind in the climb toward success."

But when the two partners work at different careers, each does his best in his own field without ruffling his partner.

Miss Greenwood, the long-legged comedienne of stage and screen, celebrates this year the 25th anniversary of her marriage to Martin Broones, a composer-writer-producer. Their careers touch, Miss Greenwood said, but seldom overlap.

"Martin has produced many of my plays, written a few of them and composed for a couple," she explained. "Thus we have mutual interests but not mutual careers."

Keeps Out of Way

Broones hasn't once been on the set of her current picture, "Oh You Beautiful Doll," at 20th Century-Fox. He didn't visit her last picture either, although he composed a song for it.

"It's not that Martin isn't interested in what I'm doing," she added. "It's just that he has his own work to do and doesn't want to be underfoot."

Many a Hollywood husband who has no work to do except kibitz his wife's career might take a tip from that.

When they are away from their homes, Miss Greenwood and Broones have many interests in common.

"We like each other's company," she commented. "In fact, we even like being alone together. And we've managed to develop a liking for the same things. For instance, Martin took up tennis because I liked it and now gives me a swell fight on the courts."

"I didn't use to like classical music, but now I know almost as much about it as he does. And when it comes to singing, I can do a whole lot better. Martin's voice is something to marvel at rather than enjoy," she said.

Cat Lovers Denounce Legless Stoves

Atlanta—Cat lovers have put an angry compulsion on today's domestic appliances. "Stoves that look like boxes, great big things like soap, and the skin becomes shiny lighter. It cooks tender and crisp and is enjoyable to the last cracker."

And what do we get these days? A demanded an angry cat owner. "Stoves that look like boxes, great big things like soap, and the skin becomes shiny lighter. It cooks tender and crisp and is enjoyable to the last cracker."

Shoe Wardrobe is an Economy



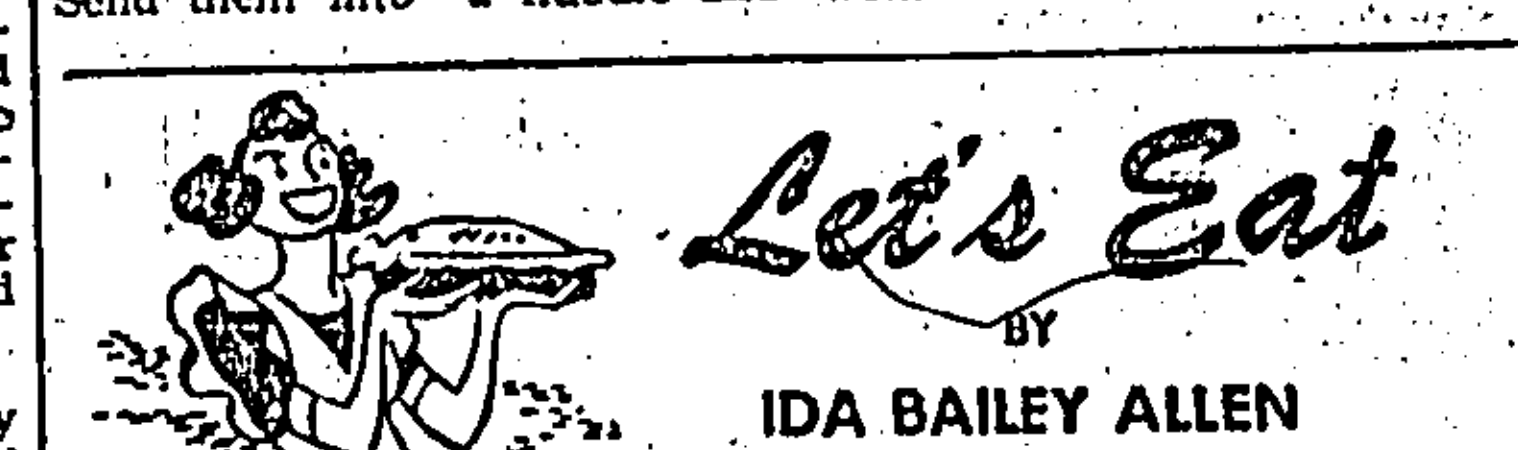
For daytime wear, your shoe wardrobe might well include this pretty pair of calf shoes with stout leather soles and a medium heel.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If you want to economise—and you will have trouble aplenty. Don't forget that, for general wear, well-made shoes equipped with genuine leather uppers and soles are an excellent investment. They will give flexible support and freedom of movement.

There is a close bond between foot health and general well-being. Sore feet can cause headaches, backaches, nervous tension and nasty dispositions. An exciting new offering has the "nude" look with a venturing sole curves gracefully down to the toe, where the barest suggestion of an upper shell discreetly hides the toes from view. Thanks to the resilient strength of the leather sole, that's all there is to the vamp with a corn or a calloused spot. You can be pretty sure that it is caused by pressure or friction. So retire the shoes you have been wearing.

When you select new ones, see that there is plenty of wiggle room for the toes. Send them into a huddle and well.



Let's Eat

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

BROILED CHICKEN DE LUXE

"HERE are two nice broiled chickens," said the Chef. They are a little large than squab chickens so the two will serve four people. How would you like me to prepare them?"

"Well, Madame, this will be chicken at the table, so I think it should be more polite. However, when eating 'en famille' it is allowed to pick up a piece of chicken and eat the meat from the bone."

Eating Broiled Chicken
"But that's always more or less easy," I remarked, "and often the juiciest meat is left on the bone. I wish there was a neat way of eating broiled chicken. I believe, Chef, it would prove helpful to break, but not sever, the joints and remove the wings before the chicken is broiled. It would hold its original shape but be much easier to manage on the plate."

Appetizing Patty
"Ah, Madame, that is what you call the pay-off. Of the dark meat I make something that is epicurean. I prepare the delicate little cakes of chicken to accompany the breast. In that way, everybody has the white breast, and an appetizing patty of chicken meat, and the serving is more substantial and will be really de luxe."

"Chef, that will look wonderful on the plate! And speaking of chicken, I would like to explain something which seems to puzzle many of our readers. In giving directions for preparing all poultry, after cleaning and removing the pin feathers, we always advise scrubbing the birds with mild, soapy water. This is the reason: The skin of all birds contains pores, and the pores retain oil and dirt that a mere rinsing does not remove. Scrubbing with a brush dipped in mild, soapy water, does remove it. But rinse the bird several times in clear tepid water to wash off all trace of soap, and the skin becomes shiny lighter. It cooks tender and crisp and is enjoyable to the last cracker."

Banana-Orange Cup
Cut the sections from 4 small oranges, and peel and slice 2 bananas. Add 1 t. tsp. honey mixed with ½ tsp. lemon juice and chill a few min.

Little Cakes
Take 1 qt.-sized sauce pan, measure ¾ c. butter or a substitute, 1 c. sugar and the yolks of 2 eggs. Cream together until fluffy. Sift together 1½ c. cake flour, ¼ tsp. salt, 2 tsp. baking powder, 1/3 c. dry cocoa, 1 tsp. ground cinnamon and ¼ tsp. ground clove. Add alternately with ¾ c. milk to the first mixture. Last, beat the egg whites stiff and fold them in. Bake in medium-sized muffin pans and bake 18 to 20 min. in a moderate oven, 350 to 375 F. Makes 12 small cup cakes.

Broiled Chicken de Luxe
For four persons select two small broiling chickens, and broil, rub all over with the cut side of a lemon.

Tick Of The Chef
After preparing chicken to broil, rub all over with the cut side of a lemon.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



RAIN OF BLOSSOMS—Cherry blossom time is a gay festival in Japan, and the children there would not think of missing it. When unseasonal weather and heavy rains reduced the life of this year's crop, these children got out their umbrellas and parasols and set out anyway, along with millions of others.



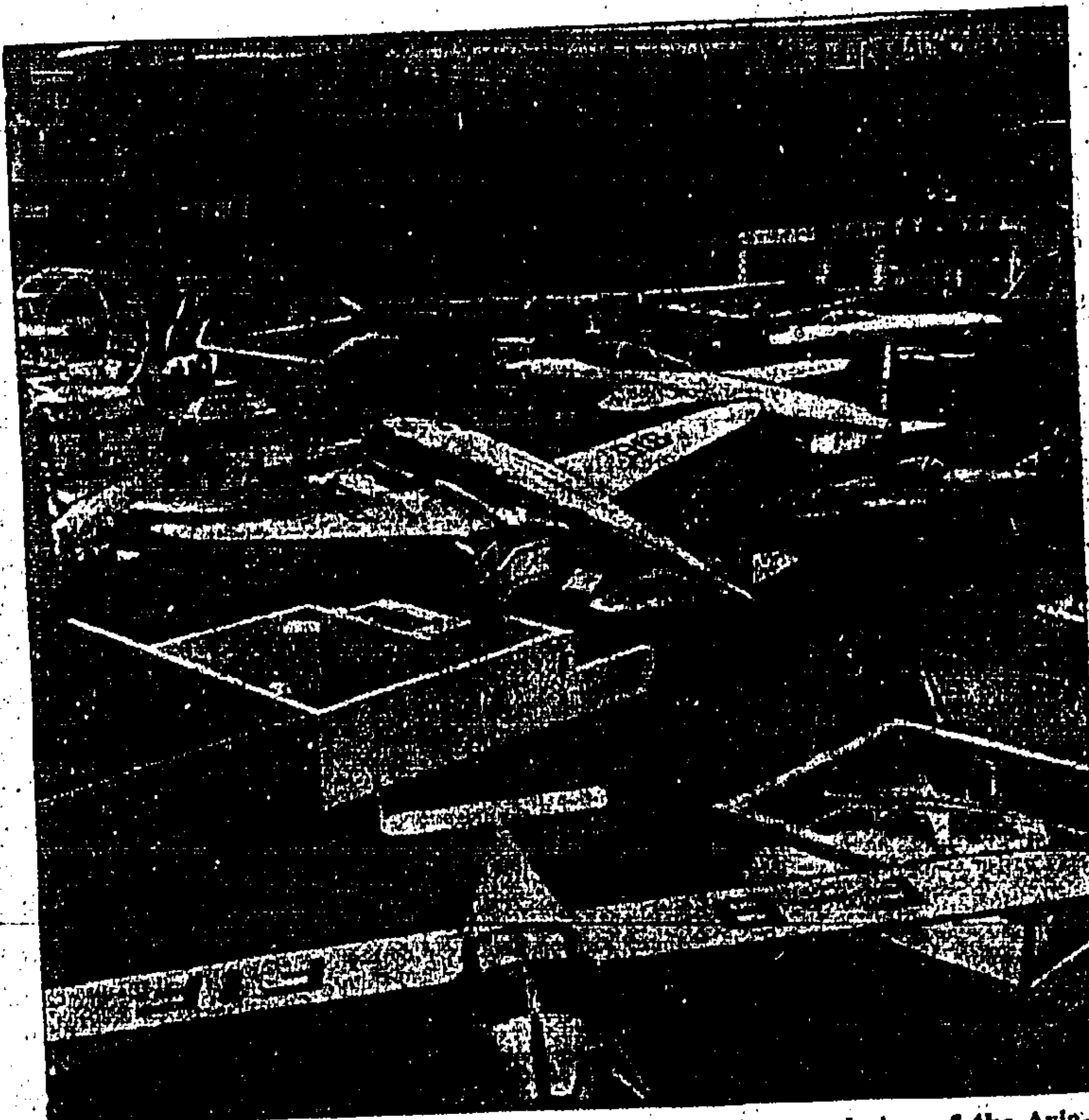
BREAD FOR BRITAIN—These workers, in London, are starting to unload some of the 3,500 tons of wheat which recently arrived aboard the SS Bearerglen. Sent over under the Marshall Plan, the wheat will go into bread and cereals to supplement the British diet. It took four days to unload.



FOR THE POPE—John Walbel, in Syracuse, New York, pours wax to make candles for the Golden Jubilee of Pope Plus XII. Pure beeswax was gathered, for this purpose, from the five continents and 37 countries.



ROBIN HOOD'S WEDDING—When Robin Adair Hood and Miriam Teresa Blanco-Fombona were married at Brompton Oratory, in London, these children were bridal attendants. They are, left to right, Allister MacDonald; Catriona Campbell, and her brother, Diarmid.



PARISIAN AIR SHOW—A general view of the Aviation Exhibition which has just opened in Paris. More than 300 aircraft companies are displaying such new developments as jet planes, helicopters and deluxe airliners.



IN GOLD—Dorothy Van Nuys, in San Francisco, models this sheathe gown of pure gold antique Persian brocade. It is made of a "timeless" style which may still be smart 50 years from now.



THROWING HIS WEIGHT—On picket duty in Southampton, is "Tiny" Himes, right, of Ottawa, Canada. When the crew of the Canadian ship, Seaboard Trader, came out in sympathy with other seamen, "Tiny" went with them.



TO THE RESCUE—When his truck was crushed between a trolley car and an elevated train pillar in Philadelphia, Frank Lonetti, right, had to wait to be rescued. Workers finally jacked up the truck and worked from underneath. His wife and daughter-in-law got out with minor injuries.



OVER THE DEEP—US and Bermuda teams of International one-design bunched together in Great Sound, Bermuda. They are approaching the starting line in the first race of the America Cup Series, which the American team won.

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BURMA'S WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA WAR

"Dangers Ahead," Warns Minister

Rangoon, May 17.—The Burmese Government was watching the rapid developments in China, the Burmese Foreign Minister, U. E. Maung, told the Press Trust of India today.

In an exclusive interview, the Foreign Minister said: "What China does with itself is none of our business, but the danger is that the trouble may not stop there."

The developments in China had been so rapid that it was difficult to forecast what was ahead, but dangers existed and it was the realization of these external dangers that led Burma to seek Commonwealth aid, he said.

"I have no doubt that the Government of Burma have quelled internal disturbances eventually without outside assistance. But external dangers made it imperative that law and order should be restored by the swift possible means," the Foreign Minister said.

He added that he was satisfied with the aid that had been forthcoming so far.

Franco To Speak On UN Debates

Madrid, May 17.—General Franco is expected to refer to the United Nations in his speech to the Cortes (Parliament) here tomorrow. His speech will be broadcast.

The United Nations voting on relations with Spain has been greeted by the newspapers as a great moral victory for Spain.

The newspaper ABC (Monarchist) wrote: "We welcome an enormous numerical and moral triumph."

Of the Latin American and Arab votes, it said: "These two blocs of countries have shown something more important than numerical strength—sincere affection and unshakable loyalty and love of justice."

The Catholic newspaper Ya said: "Spain has triumphed without moving from the position adopted by General Franco."

The Arriba (Falangist) expressed surprise at Israel's adverse vote.—Reuter.

Air Force Strikes Hard

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A communiqué said the Reds had reached Chwangshu, 12 miles east of Shanghai's waterfront. This meant that the Reds held lines about three fourths of the way around China's greatest city.

STRING OF FIRES

The Communists also reached Chwangpu, at the outskirts of Chongqing, the sprawling industrial district across the Whangpoo river from Shanghai. Chwangpu is but seven miles from the Shanghai waterfront.

Near Shanghai, a string of fires raged on the Footway front. Some appeared only about four miles from Shanghai.

The cannonading roared louder than ever in Shanghai as the Reds stepped up their attacks from the southeast. The Nationalists were pouring in reinforcements.

Pressure on Shanghai lessened in the south and north. Here, before Lungshu airport on the South and the fortress of Woonung on the North, the Nationalists made a determined stand.

The Nationalists claimed a big victory before Woonung and on one sector, 10 miles North-west of Shanghai.—Associated Press.

STRIKE LEADS TO VIOLENCE

Bombay, May 17.—Twelve persons injured and taken to hospital today when some of the street sweepers who have been on strike for five days with other Bombay municipal workers clashed with two groups of non-striking sweepers.

Only 2,000 out of 9,000 strikers, who are asking for higher wages and shorter hours, returned to work on Sunday following a warning by the Municipality that they could be liable to dismissal if they did not do so.

Today the Municipal authorities claimed that 75 percent of the conservancy work was being done by non-striking and newly recruited personnel.—Reuter.

Jap Fishing Decision Criticised

SCAP "Pampering The Robbers"

Manila, May 18.—A Times editorial entitled "Pampering the Robbers" today criticised the SCAP proposal to relax restrictions on Japanese fishing.

"The SCAP authorities have been frowning on the tendency of Japanese fishermen to break bounds... one member of the SCAP organisation even went so far as to tell the Japs they would have to learn to behave before they could be granted further rights."

"Now it seems the Japs have learned to behave—in about a week. And so they are to be given the right to fish in Philippine waters."

"Have they learned their lesson well enough to be admitted to the great Alaskan fisheries? Or the fishing grounds off California?"

"To carry the point further, are American manufacturers ready for an invasion of five and ten cent stores by Japanese gadget makers?"

"Isn't it time a halt was called to the continued pampering of a congenitally predatory, incurably robber-minded people?"—United Press.

HK Newsmen Talk With Rees-Williams

London, May 17.—The press delegation from Hongkong, Fiji and Mauritius, visiting Britain and being received at the Colonial Office today by Mr David Rees-Williams, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

In welcoming them, Mr Rees-Williams said: "This is one of our new ideas, to bring over our friends to see what is actually happening in Britain today."

"When you return home, I want you to tell that, although we are a long way from each other, your people are always strongly in our minds and that we are one family."

A lengthy tour has been arranged for the journalists, who will inspect at first hand Britain's industries, agriculture, and social activities.

The delegation includes Mr Shum Choy-sang of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, Mr Zealand Kwong of the Kung Shung Yat Po, Mr Roth Alipate Naulovu, of Na Mola (Fijian Government newspaper), Mr Gurudayal Sharma (Shanti Duli, Fiji) and Mr Aunath Beejadhur (Advocate) from Mauritius.—Reuter.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT DENIAL

London, May 17.—A Foreign Office spokesman tonight denied that Burma had approached the British Government proposing a visit to London by the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, in the near future.

A Rangoon report today quoted official circles as stating that Thakin Nu would come to London for a short visit, returning home by the first week in June.

Neither the Commonwealth Office nor the Burmese Embassy here knew of any proposed visit. The conference of the British and Commonwealth Ambassadors in Rangoon to start financial and material aid to Burma, has started to function, it was learned authoritatively today.

Reports of progress have not yet reached London.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Your favorite dinner tonight, dear—everything creamed, and mince pie is made to top it off!"

Who! Me? Says Winner



Miss Rita Clifford, 20, of Braintree, Mass., (centre) registers astonishment as she hears judges announce her as winner of the photographic queen contest sponsored by the Boston Press Photographer's Association. Contestants registering various reactions to news include (l to r) Gerry Slattery of Walpole, Mass., Miss Clifford; Jane Dunn of Mattapan, Mass., and Joan Marie Dilke of Boston.—AP Picture.

Former Jap POW To Set Up Mission School

"ONE SOUL TO CHRIST FOR EVERY JAP VICTIM"

Tokyo, May 17.—An Australian Catholic padre, who spent three and a half years in Japan's infamous prisoner of war camps in Siam and along the Burma-Siam railway, arrived here today to set up a mission school for Japanese children.

The former AIF Catholic chaplain, Father Lionel Madden, said he and other survivors decided the best monument to the men who died in the camps would be "mission work which would bring at least one soul to Christ for every one of the men who died down there."

About 100 survivors joined in forming a Marist Japanese mission in Sydney and subscribing funds to help Marist Father to establish a mission school in Japan.

The school will probably be set up in Kyoto, undamaged cultural centre, and ancient capital of Japan.

Father Madden said friendly contacts he had with a Japanese Catholic in Singapore before the war, and the interest of his Superior in Oriental mission work had made him volunteer for the assignment in Japan.

He recalled that "life was not so bad" during the first year of imprisonment with the Australian forces from Singapore in a southern Siam POW camp.

But when his contingent was moved up from Changi Peninsula into another Siam camp "it was not so good."

He said that in three months 44 per cent of 700 prisoners died of malaria, dysentery, tropical ulcers, beri beri and finally a cholera epidemic.—United Press.

Eisler Forfeits Bond

Washington, May 17.—The \$20,000 bonds posted by Communist Gerhard Eisler were today declared forfeited by the U.S. District Court here.

At the same time the Court issued a Bench warrant for Eisler's arrest, as a person ineligible for further freedom of bail while the cases against him are pending.

(A month ago the Supreme Court upheld against him a conviction and sentence of one to three years' imprisonment on passport charges and a one-year sentence and \$1,000 fine for contempt of Congress in refusing to be sworn to give evidence before the "Un-American Activities" Committee).

The Government plans to use the warrant issued today as a "pretext" for securing Eisler's extradition from England, where he arrived, as a stowaway on the Pollak ship Battery.—Reuter.

Mystery Disease Hits Wheat

Topeka, (Kansas), May 17.—A mysterious virus disease in wheat is creeping into Kansas, and as much as 50 per cent of the winter wheat crop in two counties appears to have been hit.

Mr. A. B. Hart, a state superintendent, said that in the Western section where fields of wheat had been ploughed under after being ravaged by the disease.

If the disease continued to spread, he added, damage to this year's wheat might exceed \$50,000,000.

However, he and other experts said the virus might have run its course, as some fields appeared to be recovering.

The disease has struck wheat in the Western third of the state from Nebraska to the Oklahoma border. Some damage has also been reported in Eastern Colorado.

Government offices here estimated that 1,000,000 acres of wheat have been planted in the Western third of Kansas.—United Press.

20,000 MARCH IN PROTEST

Vienna, May 17.—Twenty thousand Austrians, mostly Communists, tonight marched to Vienna's City Hall to protest against the Government's proposed wage-price agreement.

The "International sector of Vienna was declared out of bounds to all Allied troops, including Russians, to ensure that they would not be involved in the demonstration, which was orderly.

Police forces in Central Vienna had been greatly strengthened and issued with arms.

The Socialist Party was organising a huge counter demonstration, calling on the people to "keep off the streets." The Austrian Ministry of the Interior warned today that if the Communists tried to use violence in their demonstration, "they will be made to feel the full impact of the law."—Reuter.

Strang To Visit Middle East

London, May 17.—The permanent head of the British Foreign Office, Sir William Strang, will leave soon on a tour of the Middle East. It was officially announced today.

Sir William, who made a tour of Far Eastern countries in January and February, wants to acquaint himself with conditions and current problems in the Arab countries and discuss them with British representatives on the spot.

He will start at Tripoli, then go to Benghazi, and Cairo, where he will explore the possibility of resuming the Anglo-Egyptian treaty talks. He will then direct his attention toward the troublesome Palestinian scene.

After visiting British principal ally in the Middle East—King Abdullah of Transjordan—Sir William will go to Jerusalem, then to Tel-Aviv. Thus he will be the first British Government official to visit the Jewish state.

The question of the Arab refugees and the circumstances under which British recognition can be granted to Israel will be problems which Sir William will discuss during that part of the trip.

From Israel he will go to the Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, and then to the Bahrain Islands. The trip will end at Teheran, where Sir William might want to examine the degree of Russian pressure to which Persia is exposed, as well as the progress achieved in negotiations between the Persian government and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, in which Britain is a major shareholder.—United Press.

MAY MERGE WITH INDIA

Chandernagore, May 17.—The French Government has decided that Chandernagore, a French settlement about 20 miles north of Calcutta, should hold a referendum on June 10 to decide whether to merge with India or not.

The Administrator of Chandernagore informed the President of the Municipal Assembly of this today.

Last month, the Chandernagore Municipal Assembly urged the Governments of France and India to effect its union with India without a referendum, but added that should France be unwilling to waive the referendum, June 10 should be fixed as the date for holding it.

At an open session of a general assembly of Municipal Councilors of the four French settlements in South India, which was held last March, it was decided to hold similar referendums for these areas. Chandernagore has a population of about 40,000.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary: 6.01, The Richard Tauber Programme with the Melodrama Orchestra and Guest: Miss Benzel. (H.K.T. 6.30, David Ross and His Orchestra play Melodies of Love by Cole Porter. 6.40, Hal Lorenzo at the Piano. (Studio) 7, "Record Round-Up" Variety Request Programme. (Studio) 8, World News and News Analysis. (London Relay) 8.15, Much Binding and Kenneth Horne. (H.K.T. 8.45, "Generally Speaking" Radio. Advertisements. A Talk by Sir Stephen Tallents. (London Relay) 9, "From the Editorial" (London Relay) 9.10, British Concert Hall. Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. (H.K.T. 9.15, "A Talk by Leonard Masline and Arnold Haskell on the great Impressionist Composers. (Studio) 10, Melodies. (H.K.T. 10.30, Grand Impressionist Melodies. (Studio) 11, Radio New Year. (London Relay) 11.15, Weather Report and Summary of News from China; 11.20, Close Down.

OUTWARD MAILS

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 Closing Times By Air: Swatow, Amoy, and Taipei, 3.30 p.m.

Kunming and Huihow, 3.30 p.m. TUESDAY, MAY 17 Closing Times By Air:

Shanghai, 8 a.m. Swatow and Amoy, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord).

Kunming, Luchow, Amoy, Shanghai, Tientsin, Kowloon, Chingking, Swatow and Tainan, 3.30 p.m.

Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Dhaka, Madras, Bombay, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Cairo via Karachi, Alexandria, Rome and London, (CFO) 4.30 p.m. (CFO), 5 p.m.

Singapore, 5 p.m. Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.

Japan, 5 p.m. Closing Times By Sea:

Swatow, 10 a.m. Australia and New Zealand via Swatow, 1 p.m.

Huihow, Pakhoi via Huihow and Bangkok, 5 p.m.

Singapore, Rangoon and Calcutta, 5 p.m. Japan, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 19 Closing Times By Air:

Manila, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and U.S.A. (CFO) 4.30 p.m. (CFO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Air Mail (Printed Matter, Samples and Small Parcel Post) for Manila, Cebu, Honolulu & U.S.A. (CFO) 4.30 p.m. (CFO) 5 p.m.

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Batavia, 5 p.m. Amoy, 5 p.m. Swatow, 5 p.m.

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To-morrow: BELITA in "SUSPENSE"

DETROIT, May 17.—A CIO Auto Union leader predicts "serious economic conditions" for the U. S. by mid-August if industry does not give another round of wage increases.

Mr. Emil Massey, Secretary-treasurer of the Union, said "if something is not done to increase the purchasing power of the nation, I predict there will be 8,000,000 unemployed people by mid-August."—Associated Press.

QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

NAVY BEATS RAF BY THE ODD GOAL IN SEVEN

By "STICKS"

At King's Park last evening, the Navy, fielding a weakened team due to the absence of both Matthewson and Aitken, made a surprising recovery in the second half to beat the RAF by four goals to three after being one goal in arrears at half time. The RAF too, fielded two new comers, Morris at right-half and Watt at left-wing.

This was the Navy's last game in the Quadrangular Tournament and they now stand with three points to their credit, one win, one draw and one game lost, the latter to the Civilians in their first match of the series.

The standard of hockey put up by the Navy was not high. They attained their victory by sheer hard work and the will to win. The RAF on the other hand, played good, sound hockey and were unfortunate to lose. Without a doubt they would have had a substantial lead in the first half had their centre-forward distributed the ball.

The Navy pressed from the opening bully, but met stern opposition from Doyle and Wilson, the RAF backs, who cleared in fine style out to the halves, where they sent their forwards away. They pressed relentlessly and eventually Connolly netted their first goal with a hard ground shot from just inside the circle.

On the resumption of play the Navy again took up the attack and the RAF left-back in attempting to clear gave "a flick", which incurred the award of a penalty corner. However the Navy failed to take advantage of their opportunity and the ball went loose.

The RAF forwards, ever ready, took up the attack again. Haig, sound in defence and tireless in attack was outstanding for the Navy but he lacked support from both his halves and backs whose exhibition was disappointing after their display against the Army last week.

Rowlands played his usual brilliant game in goal. On occasions he brought off clever bordering on the miraculous. The RAF's second goal was netted by Cody who followed up and took advantage of a rebound off the goalies' pads by sending in a fast rising shot before the goalie could reposition himself.

After minutes of play, Morrison, the Navy left-winger, netted the first goal for his side when he took a shot from a very acute angle which completely deceived the RAF goalkeeper.

The standard of play, from then onwards improved, and became more interesting. After a few minutes, the Navy left-back, conceded a penalty bully, to Connolly for obstruction.

Clarke gained possession of the ball from the bully but failed to clear it completely. Connolly in his haste to win possession, stumbled over the ball and so lost his advantage.

SECOND HALF

On the resumption of play the Navy improved considerably and by keeping the ball constantly on the move with long open passes they upset the RAF defence for a while.

During this period the Navy forwards suddenly seemed to spring to life and quick thrusts by Eberle brought its reward when he netted from a through pass from Perry to bring the score to 2-2.

The equalising goal spurred on the RAF forwards to greater efforts but they met sterner opposition than hitherto from the Navy backs, who imbued by their forwards' success, had settled down and were clearing clean and hard up-field.

As a result of this the forwards went into the attack and in quick succession the Navy netted two further goals, the first by Perry who netted from a rebound from the goalies' pads and the second by Eberle who scored from a short pass from Perry after he had taken it through the defence from the recommencing bully.

Temporarily the RAF relaxed as if to get their wind, but not for long. They returned to the attack more determined than ever to make up for their lapse and in the 20th minute of the game Connolly scored their third goal when he followed up and beat the goalie to the ball and sent it into an open goal.

Individually the RAF halves did not shine except for Haines, but collectively they played good sound hockey throughout. Doyle outshone Wilson at back. Both were particularly good in the loose, but tended to lack confidence when called upon to defend a determined attack. The RAF's goalkeeper, a comparative newcomer to the team, was not outstanding but shows definite promise.

The match throughout was played in fine spirit, keen and clean though at times boisterous.

THE TEAMS

The teams were:
Navy—Rowlands, Clarke,

Mallows; Nixon, Haig, Duce; O'Neill, Eberle, Perry, Duff and Morrison.

RAF Gray; Doyle, Wilson; Morris, Jordan, Maitland, Robinson, Hepburn, Connolly, Coady, and Watt.

NEW ZEALANDERS' TOUR

Thunderstorm Breaks Up Game With Leicester

Leicester, May 17.—Frank Prentice won an exciting race with a thunderstorm today and became the second century-maker against the New Zealanders this season.

In the hour and a quarter's play possible at Grace Road, Leicester, he took his score from 44 to 104, his total time being two hours 25 minutes.

When the storm broke and flooded the pitch it was decided to abandon the match as a draw. The final scores were: New Zealanders 430; Leicester-shire 119 and 207 for one wicket.

G. Lester, who was also not out last night, took his score to 70 not out, and both batsmen played confidently on a drying pitch despite frequent bowling changes.

The Prentice-Leicester unbeaten stand of 183 in 15 minutes for the second wicket demonstrated that the tourists' slow bowling was often inaccurate and liable to severe punishment.

Prentice's 104 included 11 fours, his best strokes being the pull and the on-drive. A start was made just before 2 o'clock and off the fourth ball from Cowie, Prentice raised the second wicket partnership to 100 in 82 minutes.

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"MR. SHORTSTOP"



Honus Wagner, baseball's "Flying Dutchman," observes his 75th birthday anniversary by testing a couple of bats by his fire-side in Carnegie, Pa. Wagner, who retired after a 21-year Major League career in 1917, continues this year as scout and coach for his beloved Pittsburgh Pirates.—AP Wirephoto.

FRANK BUTLER'S COLUMN

IT'S ONLY A DREAM, MR. SOLOMONS

We all like to day-dream occasionally. King Solomons is no exception. For two years now he has puffed smoke rings and dreamed that one day he would promote a battle for the world's heavyweight title beneath London skies.

The day Joe Louis retired, King Cod abandoned a pair of kippers in order to wrap up a fight upon which he himself has stuck a world championship label. Furthermore, his dreams have run amok, and he is talking of taking over Hyde Park, building a bowl to take 150,000, with 50,000 tickets at 6s., 40,000 at 10s., and the rest ranging up to 10 guineas.

Wakes up, beautiful dreamer! There ain't gonna be no fight in Hyde Park. Why? Because the Ministry of Works, who have custody of the royal parks, forbid anyone from making money in them. That ban applies even

if a proportion of profits goes to the National Playing Fields fund, as Solomons proposes. Certainly Parliament is not going to pass an Act in order that Mister Boxing can realise his Hyde Park dream. Personally, I can't see what's wrong with Wembley Stadium or White City—or Alexandra Park.

LAUGHABLE The Solomons dream is altogether fantastic, because while the European Boxing Association and the British Boxing Board of Control are at it, the world will recognise a fight between Leo Savold and the winner of Mills and Woodcock as a world heavyweight championship, you'll pardon my girlish laughter.

Woodcock was flattened by Maurice, massacred by Ekeksi, and would have been pulverised by Savold. Yet here he is again being considered as a contender for the world title.

Savold v. Mills or Woodcock, even wrapped in a parcel and tied up in a protective case, cannot be sold to anyone who will fight him. At the best you can call it a championship eliminator.

Remember our board decided before the war that Joe Louis was no longer world heavyweight champion? Remember they decided the Harvey-McAvoy clash at White City was for the world light-heavyweight title? Remember they took away Jackie Paterson's world fly-weight title and refused him the right of appeal until he beat them in court?

All these decisions were outrageous. LOUIS IS RIGHT You might say Solomons has much right to ask a Savold-Mills or Savold-Woodcock clash a world championship as Louis has to nominate two coloured men, Walcott and Charles, to battle for his vacant title. But having seen these two coloured men, I must confess each has the bearing of Savold, Mills, and Woodcock.

So honest-minded sportsmen must content themselves with recognising Walcott or Charles as the new world champion, and to name the winner of the Mills-Woodcock-Savold triangle as No. 1 challenger.

Truth of the matter is that when great champions like Jeffries, Tunney, and now Louis retire undefeated, all that is left is the heavyweight scrap heap. After Jeffries, they had to wait three years for Jack Johnson. After Tunney, Louis was nine years coming to the throne. How many years will we have to wait for a champion of any class?

I suppose some fellow will start searching for a "White Hope." But I'd sooner take a slow boat to China. And I'm not looking for a Yellow Hope! —(London Express Service)

THE RESULTS The results of games ended today were: The Oval: Surrey beat Hampshire by an innings and 58 runs. Hampshire 272 and 59 (Laker 5 for 19, Alec Bedser 3 for 9, Eric Bedser 2 for 4); Surrey 389 for 9 declared.

At Swansea: Glamorgan 388 for 5 declared; Warwickshire 131 for 6. No play today, match abandoned.

At Nottingham: Nottingham 402; Gloucestershire 334 for 5, match abandoned.

At Lords: Middlesex beat Essex by 142 runs. Middlesex 183 and 250; Essex 171 and 120 (Young 3 for 20, Compton 3 for 35).

At Gillingham: Northamptonshire beat Kent by three wickets. Kent 238 and 177 (Brown 6 for 89); Northants 239 for 9 declared and 177 for 7.

At Oxford: Oxford University beat Yorkshire by 69 runs. Oxford 209 and 222 (Whitcombe 57); Yorkshire 223 and 141 (Chatterton 6 for 22).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University drew with Lancashire. Lancashire 216 and 13 for no wicket; Cambridge 176 (Duggart 8, Roberts 5 for 48).

At Chichester: Worcestershire beat Sussex by 64 runs. Worcestershire 228 and 214; Sussex 249 and 120 (Smith 56, Parks 4 for 19).—Reuter.

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Home Turf Favourites

NO. 6: ROYAL TARA

Bay-horse by Mieuxce out of Scotch Gold (Colorado). Owner, Mr. D. Morris; trainer, J. Beary.

The public love a good, consistent horse, and Royal Tara fully earned his place in the general esteem by his feats last season.

It is unusual to find a horse improve so much at five years old, but Royal Tara maintained his improvement all through 1948.

John Beary, who has had him since he was a yearling, considers that he is better now than at any previous time in his career.

Like most of the Mieuxce breed, Royal Tara does not relish hard ground, especially not in the initial stages of being made fit.

The dry summer of 1947 caused him to lose his form after winning the Kempton "Jubilee".

His finest efforts last season were in defeat. The Cambridge-shire title eluded him, and he followed that with another second, beaten a head, under 9st. 7lb. in the Liverpool Autumn Cup.

Stable plans for the Lincolnshire Handicap, in which he finished seventh last year when not in such good trim as he is now, are not yet definite. He will, however, figure among the acceptors.

The Newbury Spring Cup and a third Kempton "Jubilee" are other early items on the 1949 agenda and I know that Mr. Dave Morris is keen to tackle the "cracks" of France and England in one of the middle-distance championship events.

It is not easy to forecast how he would acquit himself in this but he is such a sure-footed fighter that he will never be readily beaten.

Clive Prahan

London Express Service

DAVIS CUP

Czechs Beat Britain 4-1

London, May 17.—Czechoslovakia beat Britain by four matches to one in the second round of the European Zone Davis Cup tie, which was continued at Wimbledon today.

Czechoslovakia held a decisive three-nil lead yesterday and each country won a singles match today.

Today's results were: Drobny beat Pals 6-3, 6-0, 6-3; Mottram beat Cernik 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.—Reuter.

Chile Through

Birmingham, May 17.—Chile today eliminated Egypt from the second round of the European Zone Davis Cup Tournament by three matches to two when Ricardo Balbiers of Chile won the remaining singles match of the tournament. The Chilean star beat Egypt's Marcel Coen, 2-6, 6-4, 6-5, 6-1.—United Press.

Japanese Hopes

Melbourne, May 17.—Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, has written to the Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, asking for the Australian Government's opinion on applications for Japan and Germany for re-affiliation to the International Federation.

Sir Norman's action followed a request from the Japanese tennis authorities asking Australia to support Japan's effort to re-join the International Federation.

He told a meeting of the Council of the LTA of Australia that he thought the matter was beyond the jurisdiction of the Australian Association.—Reuter.

Baseball Scores

New York, May 17.—Today's Major League baseball scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago 7, Boston 0
Detroit 4, Philadelphia 0
White Sox 7, St. Louis 0
Wren 7, New York 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn 8, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago 5, St. Louis 0
Dodgers 9, Philadelphia 2
Cincinnati 6, New York 0

Basketball Tourney
Haitibolls, May 18.—Holland defeated Syria, 40-37. The European Basketball Championship last night.

Half-time scores: Holland 22, Syria 21.—Associated Press.

AN INVASION MEETS RESISTANCE

TELEVISION AND AMERICAN SPORT

By CORNELIUS RYAN

Television will be the biggest problem for sports in the USA in 1949.

Promoters of both amateur and professional sports events are worried about television because they do not know whether it will help or hinder the box office receipts.

Television officials are just as puzzled—they cannot say definitely whether their new means of communication and entertainment will be an eventual boon to the sports it affects.

Some acts are certain. Attendance at boxing shows televised in New York dropped sharply in the latter part of 1948 as more and more sets went into homes. And minor league baseball at Newark and Jersey City in the New York area, suffered poor seasons at the gate. Both boxing and baseball blamed this drop on television, but impartial observers suggested that other things enter the picture. The rising cost of living—of food, clothing, rent and heat—cut into the money available to each family for sports and entertainment. Nor could the promoters say that they always had first-rate attractions. Many of the small-club fights were very bad, and neither Newark nor Jersey City had a good baseball team.

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Mister Conquest



—London Express Service

Universities Beat The AAA

Cambridge, England, May 18.—A combined Oxford and Cambridge University track and field team beat the Amateur Athletic Association 82 points to 47 last night.

The two Universities are sending a "joint" team to the United States to race against Princeton and Cornell on June 4 and Harvard and Yale on June 21.—Associated Press.

BOUT POSTPONED

Los Angeles, May 17.—The world championship fight between lightweight title holder Ike Williams and Enrique Bonafant has been postponed indefinitely because of Williams' shoulder injury.

Clayton Frye, chief inspector for the California Athletic Commission, said yesterday.

The fight was scheduled for May 20.

Dr. Francisco Bravo said, "The shoulder has been causing enough trouble to prevent a day-off of six weeks."

He described the ailment as a burst of the right shoulder joint at the same shoulder which was hurt a few weeks before the champion dropped a round in his fight with Gavilan in New York.

—Associated Press

Armistice Parleys Are Again Held Up

Tel-Aviv, May 17.—The Israel-Syrian armistice negotiations being held in Mishmar Hayarden near the Israel-Syrian frontier have been suspended. This is due to a disagreement about the demarcation lines for the armistice period.

The suspension was officially confirmed by an Israeli Foreign Office spokesman today, who said new proposals are now expected from the Acting Palestine Mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche.

On Wednesday, Israel and Syrian officers will meet, however, to exchange prisoners of war, he added.

An earlier United Nations proposal for a Syrian-Israel armistice, it was learned here, forewore a broad no-man's-land in the disputed frontier area partly on Jewish territory.

Jewish sources contended the creation of such a no-man's-land would re-establish war conditions in the area where a normal civil administration is already working.

COMPROMISE REJECTED

The Israelis may, however, have agreed on such a compromise solution, it was learned, if it would have automatically implied the withdrawal by all Syrian forces beyond the Syrian-Israel international boundary.

This, however, it was stated here, was rejected by the Syrians who insisted on having at least military outposts in the disputed frontier area, including a small part of Israel territory occupied by the Syrians during the past Palestine war.

Today's new development is seemingly not causing nervousness here and it is apparently not believed that the temporary armistice negotiations will break down, thus increasing the possibility of reopening armed conflict although the tone and reporting of several Mid-East Arab radio stations in the last few days have been less conciliatory and more violent than in the past months.

Later today, an Israeli Foreign Office spokesman said to the Associated Press "no Israel-Syrian armistice agreement of any sort will be signed as long as it will leave any single soldier on any spot on the Israeli side of the border."—Associated Press.

Oil Company Swindled

Bucharest, May 17.—Alleged illegal transactions, involving two million Swiss francs (about £115,276), which were carried out in Vaduz, capital of Lichtenstein, in favour of the Rumanian oil company, Creditul Minier, are being investigated here.

The police authorities allege that M. Anton Dumitriu, the sole administrator of the company from 1945 to 1947, tried to sell the foreign assets of the company with the complicity of two industrialists, M. Radu Xenopol and M. George Littmann.

The three men were stated to have set up three fictitious companies in Vaduz, capital of Lichtenstein, to serve as a means of depriving the Creditul Minier of nearly two million Swiss francs, the Rumanian news agency reported.

The agency added that M. Radu Xenopol was under trial for illegally hoarding dollars. It described M. Littmann as a former owner of the casino at the Rumanian resort of Sinaia.—Reuter.

Sardines By The Million For Britons

London, May 17.—The Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, announced today that Britain is to buy 50,000,000 tins of sardines from French Morocco and 100,000,000 tins from Portugal.

As the contract amounts were delivered they would perceptibly increase sardine supplies in British ships from next autumn, he said.—Reuter.

Children Join In Berlin Celebration



ALL THE AVERAGE BRITON WANTS IS—

Beef And Ale, Fish And Chips

HEATED SPEECH BY POLISH UN DELEGATE

Flushing Meadows, New York, May 17.—All the average Briton wants is "beef and ale; fish and chips." He doesn't give a damn for Cyrenaica.

This was stated today by M. Jan Drohojowski, Polish delegate, when the U.N. General Assembly returned to the debate this afternoon on the future of Italy's pre-war colonies.

The average Briton, Drohojowski added, is merely told he must be subservient to the purposes and aims of United States imperialism. "And these are too obvious to need restating."

M. Drohojowski accused Britain and the United States of sabotaging the recent Havana Conference on colonial possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

"We are told that the British Exchequer is spending money on colonial experiments with the remnants of the British Empire," he said. "I remember quite well such statements regarding the crew of HMS Sheffield landed troops there."

"Just for the sake of protecting this population and developing them the crew of HMS Sheffield landed troops there. We also know that the United Kingdom government and their protectors in Washington were sabotaging the Havana conference designed to end once and for all European colonial possessions in the Western Hemisphere."

Put before the Assembly was a resolution approved by the 59 Nation Political Committee which closely followed the terms of the Anglo-Italian agreement on the colonies reached in London ten days ago.

The Polish delegate Jan Drohojowski opened the debate by attacking this agreement as a "stab in the back of our organization."

This, he said, was an example of a return to the power politics condemned by both the League of Nations and the United Nations.

Drohojowski said the London negotiations outside the United Nations constituted a flagrant breach of faith and declared that Britain violated her obligations both under the Italian Peace Treaty and the U.N. Charter.

The bitter fight over a British and Italian plan to divide Italy's pre-war colonies threatened to delay the adjournment of the Spring session of the United Nations Assembly until Wednesday.

U.N. officials had hoped that the colonies question could be disposed of sometime last night, but by late afternoon a long

Schoolchildren join in one of the biggest peace time celebrations in Berlin's history as the city prepared for the lifting of the Russian blockade. The sign the youngsters are displaying says "blockade free."—AP Picture.

Foresees Final Victory

Greek Minister Of War Confident

London, May 17.—The Greek Minister of War, M. Panayotis Kanellopoulos, today foresaw a final victory over the guerrilla forces this year. Speaking at Salonika in the course of his tour of Northern Greece, he said: "The whole of Greece will quickly be cleared of the guerrillas who are infesting the different areas. The Government will then concentrate on cleaning up the frontier regions."

He ruled out any idea of a compromise. "Negotiations are being conducted by force of arms," he declared. "By arms alone the Greek problem will be solved."

Greek Government troops inflicted about 500 casualties, including 192 killed, on the rebel forces throughout the country yesterday, according to today's Greek Staff communiqué.

The guerrilla brigades were being driven from their strong positions in Central Greece. The communiqué added that the rebel High Command in Central Greece, said to be commanded by Constantinos Karachloris, former editor of the Communist newspaper Rizospastis, had been broken up.

Greek Government troops, supported by tanks and artillery, attacking in the Mount Vitos area west of Florina, near where the Greek, Albanian and Yugoslav frontiers meet, killed 61 rebels, captured 129, and occupied a height, the communiqué added.

TYPHOID VICTIMS

Among the rebels who surrendered after a two-day fight in the Lake Mezerus region, 10 were suffering from typhoid.

The United Nations Balkan Commission, presided over by the chief British delegate, Sir Horace Seymour, met today to hear a report from M. Constantin Georgacopoulos, President of the Greek Red Cross, on the refugee situation in Greece.

The report, which was quoted by the Athens news agency, said that 700,000 refugees were now in Greece, 222,000 in Macedonia alone. Winter had undermined their health and the threat of typhus was greater than ever.

M. Georgacopoulos said that the present amount of relief was insufficient and urged the Commission to intercede with the United Nations on behalf of the refugees.

Mr G. Leet, the social welfare representative of the United Nations in Greece, said that it was impossible for the Greek Government to shoulder such a heavy task as the care of the refugees.—Reuter.

Pakistan's New Light Industries

Karachi, May 17.—Sporting shotguns, surgical, scientific and mathematical instruments and electrical equipment are some of the items to be manufactured under a new scheme to develop Pakistan's light engineering industries.

The Industries Advisory Committee of the Pakistan government has decided on this measure and also recommended the removal of duty on the imports of necessary raw materials.

Industrialists assured the government that they will be able to manufacture and export these goods in the near future.—Associated Press.

RUSSIA FEARS PUBLIC OPINION SAYS CLAY

Agreement Between Soviets And Social Democrats Unlikely

Washington, May 17.—General Lucius Clay told a press conference today that he did not believe there would ever be agreement between the German Social Democratic Party and the Russians.

General Clay told reporters gathered at the Pentagon that he did not think Russia would risk the unfavourable public reaction from the remainder of the world that would follow if the Berlin blockade were put on again.

He said fear of war in Western Europe was much less acute than two years ago. The danger was lessened sharply by the United States' action in keeping its occupation troops in Germany and by the Berlin airlift, European recovery programme and North Atlantic Pact, he added.

He also said the Russians were much more concerned about public opinion than Americans here seemed to believe.

General Clay acknowledged that there had been a meeting between the German Communist and the Western Democrats, but he said the Reds had failed in their attempt to discourage the formation of a Western German government.

He said this was made clear by the action of the Bonn constitutional convention.

TROOPS MUST STAY

General Clay stated that he would be very worried if the United States' occupation troops were withdrawn from Germany at present. He said troops must remain there until a stable Europe had been achieved.

He said it was not necessary for them to remain in the same numbers and at the same places as at present, but their continued presence was basic to the accomplishment of the United States' objectives there.

If an alliance of Germany with the Soviet Union should ever occur, he added, it would be because the Western powers were unwilling to accept Germany back in the community of nations. This acceptance, he said, must necessarily be immediate.

General Clay emphasised that the Germans must ultimately be allowed to work their way back into the society of nations, whether as a unified country or as Western Germany alone.

He said that the Western world might be more willing to accept Western Germany by herself than a united Germany of 65,000,000 people.

General Clay told the conference Russia had organised a German police force of between 100,000 and 200,000 in Eastern Germany. He said it had been rumoured they had some heavy military equipment, but all evidence available indicated they were lightly armed.

He added that this force appeared to be lessening its allegiance to the Russians because of the fear that the German people might retaliate against them.

HERO'S WELCOME

General Clay returned home earlier today to a hero's welcome. The military plane bearing him home to retirement touched down at Washington National Airport at 10.14 a.m. daylight time.

Three artillery pieces boomed out a 17-gun salute in General Clay's honour. He stepped off the plane and was swallowed up by a big welcoming delegation.

The Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, headed an array of military and civilian representatives waiting to meet the returning U.S. Military Governor. With them were the Clay's two army sons, Lieut-Colonel Lucius D. Clay, Jr., and Lieut-Colonel Frank Clay.

The party drove to the White House, where President and Mrs Truman were waiting to honour General Clay at a reception on the lawn. Congress, too, planned to give honours on the man who, as a spectator at the airport put it, "made the Russians holler uncle."

General Clay will soon go on the inactive list as a four-star general. He has said he wants to go to Georgia, his home state.

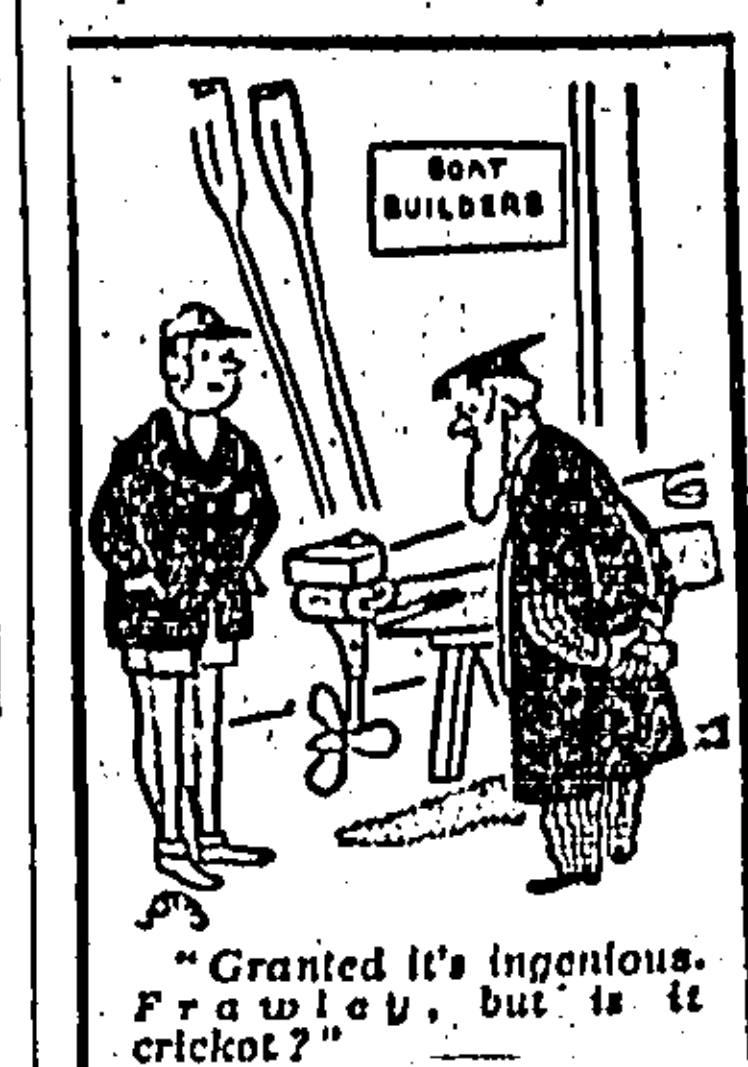
JOB WELL DONE

In greeting General Clay, Mr Johnson said, "General Clay, for the President, for all the members of the armed services and most important, for all the American people, I find your job is well done and welcome you home for a well-earned rest. God bless you and God keep you."

General Clay replied: "I am so happy and so overwhelmed at this reception that I find it very difficult to express myself. I am grateful indeed, from the bottom of my heart."

An honour guard from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines was drawn up on the taxi strip during the brief but colourful welcome. A Marine band played martial airs.

POCKET CARTOON



"Granted it's ingenious. For a boy, but is it cricket?"

New British Merchant Fleet

Prowar Strength In 18 Months' Time

Douglas, Isle of Man, May 17.—The one million tons of shipping needed to bring the British and colonial merchant fleet up to its prewar strength of 17,000,000 tons was expected to be completed in the next 12 or 18 months, Mr Alfred Barnes, the Transport Minister, said today.

Mr Barnes, speaking at the National Union of Seamen's Conference here, described the Mercantile Marine as "a barometer of trade." The trends in British shipping were a guide to the country's economic affairs, he added.

Because British trade was linked with world resources, wherever trouble arose in the world, Britain was invariably involved.

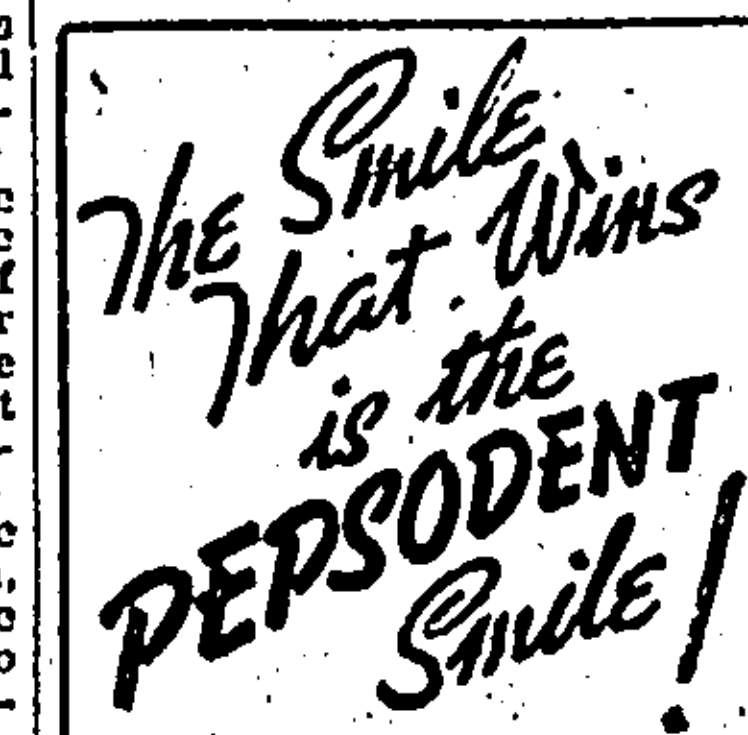
British shipping losses during the war were greater than those of all the rest of the Allies put together and, despite wartime building, Britain emerged with a deficiency of about four million gross tons on its prewar strength.

"If every person, industry and organisation in this country had a record like the seafarers and ship-builders, we should pull out of our economic difficulties very quickly," Mr Barnes added in tribute to the industry's recovery.

He said that it was to Britain's advantage to press for international shipping standards because "we never fear competition." But in pursuing ideals Britain must not go to the extent of handicapping itself in the condition of confusion which was part of the aftermath of war.—Reuter.

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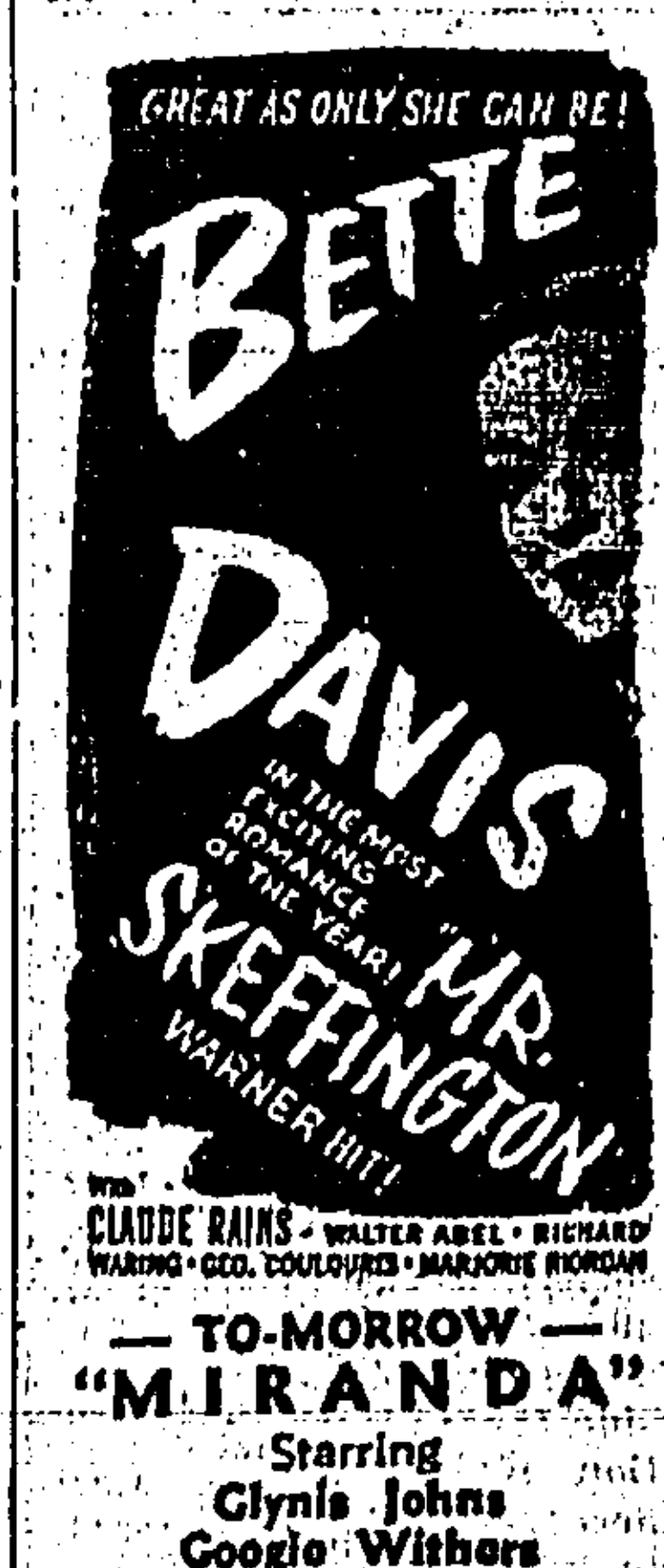
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